

Amendment

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In re application of: Alessandro Sette *et al.*

Application No.: 09/017,743

Filed: 2/3/98

Group Art Unit: 1644

For: HLA BINDING PEPTIDES AND THEIR USES

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.
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+ \$130.00 =		+ \$260.00 =	
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2 extra copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sette *et al.*

Application No.: 09/017,743

Filed: February 3, 1998

For: HLA BINDING PEPTIDES AND
THEIR USES

Examiner: T. Cunningham

Art Unit: 1644

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel pending claims 1-7 without prejudice to subsequent prosecution.~~

Please add the following new replacement claims 8-70.

8. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:
a non-naturally occurring nucleic acid encoding an immunogenic peptide, said immunogenic peptide comprising an epitope consisting of about 8-11 residues which

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